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INTEGRATION AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION

THE MEXICANS HAVE PROPOSED A CONFERENCE ON LATIN AMERICAN
INTEGRATION AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION. WE WERE ASSURED
BY THE ECLA SECRETARIAT THAT ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES OF
ECLA WILL BE INVITED, PLUS OBSERVERS SUCH AS THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY. DEL WILL SUPPORT RESOLUTION UNLESS OTHERWISE
INSTRUCTED. A FREE TRANSLATION OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION
IS AS FOLLOWS:

"PROPOSAL FOR A RESOLUTION ON ECONOMIC INTEGRATION
AND COOPERATION

"THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA:

"CONSIDERING:

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1. THAT THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION HAVE MADE VERY
CONSIDERABLE ADVANCES IN THE INTEGRATION OF THEIR ECONOMIES
AND HAVE BEEN LINKING THEIR PRODUCTIVE SYSTEMS THROUGH
INTEGRATION SCHEMES ESTABLISHED IN THE DECADE OF THE
70'S IN THE CACM, IN LAFTA, IN THE ANDEAN GROUP AND IN
CARICOM,

2. THAT TO THESE FORCES HAVE BEEN ADDED IN RECENT YEARS OTHER VALUABLE MODES OF INTEGRATION AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION SUCH AS SELA AND OTHERS OF A MORE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL CHARACTER, AND THAT IN THIS MANNER THEY HAVE SPREAD THE INTEGRATION MOVEMENT, GROUPING FORCES OF MANY DIFFERENT SECTORS IN THE FIELDS OF INDUSTRY, TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATION, ENERGY AND OTHERS OF SIMILAR IMPORTANCE,

3. THAT IN SPITE OF THESE ADVANCES, THEY HAVE NOT MADE ADEQUATE PROGRESS ON THE ECONOMIC POTENTIAL OF INTEGRATION AND THAT, ON THE CONTRARY, THIS HAS TENDED TO SLOW DOWN IN RECENT YEARS. THIS REVERSAL HAS MANIFESTED ITSELF AT A TIME WHEN IT IS MORE NECESSARY TO ACT IN AN INTEGRATED WAY AND THROUGH THE FORCES OF COOPERATION WHICH STIMULATE THE ACTIONS OF THE COUNTRIES AND FORTIFY THE POSITION OF LATIN AMERICA IN CONNECTION WITH ITS RELATIONS WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD.

4. THAT IN THE MIDST OF THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH HAVE BLUNTED THE DIFFERENT LATIN AMERICAN INTEGRATION FORCES THERE HAS BEEN REVEALED A VITALITY TO CONTINUE GIVING IMPULSE TO THE EXCHANGE OF PRODUCTS AMONG THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION, TO INDUCE CERTAIN JOINT INVESTMENTS AND TO ORIGINATE ECONOMIES OF SCALE IN INDUSTRY AND IN IMPORTANT SECTORS OF PRODUCTION,

"DECLARE THE NECESSITY OF STRENGTHENING EXISTING PROCESSES OF INTEGRATION AND STIMULATING IN EVERY WAY AN AGILE AND FLEXIBLE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THEMSELVES
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AND TO EMPLOY OTHER MEANS OF LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION SUCH AS SELA, WHICH ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FORMATION OF AN INTEGRATED ECONOMY AND IN THIS WAY HELP TO OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES WHICH THE VARIOUS SYSTEMS OF INTEGRATION HAVE EXPERIENCED.

"EXPRESS THEIR DECISION TO PAY FULL ATENTION IN THEIR NATIONAL POLICIES TO THOSE ASPECTS THAT CAN RE-INFORCE ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND HELP, IN THEIR TASKS AND THEIR FUTURE EVOLUTION, THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET, LAFTA, THE ANDEAN GROUP AND CARICOM.

"RECOMMEND TO THE GOVERNMENTS THAT JOINTLY AND IN SYSTEMATIC AND CONTINUOUS WAYS THEY DIRECT THEIR FORCES, TO IMPART A NEW IMPULSE WITH SUFFICIENT FORCE TO OVERCOME THE PRESENT SITUATION AND ENTER INTO A MORE ADVANCED, PRACTICAL, AND EFECTIVE PHASE OF ECONOMIC INTEGRATION.

"REQUEST THE SECRETARIAT OF ECLA, IN THE FIRST SEMESTER

OF THE NEXT YEAR, TO CONVOKE A LATIN AMERICAN MEETING ON
INTEGRATION AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN WHICH A) THE
EXISTING SITUATION IS ANALYZED; B) THE LATIN AMERICAN
EXPERIENCE IN THESE MATTERS IS CRITICALLY EXAMINED AND
C) SOLUTIONS ARE SOUGHT WHICH CAN REINFORCE THE PROCESS
OF INTEGRATION AND STIMULATE IMPORTANT ECONOMIC
COOPERATION AMONG THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA; D) THE
POSSIBILITIES OF PROMOTING IN INCREASING FORM TRADE IN
MANUFACTURES WITHIN LATIN AMERICA ARE PLANNED AND
ANALYZED, WITH DUE CONSIDERATION AND STIMULUS TO THOSE
WHICH CAN ORIGINATE IN THE LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES OF
THE REGION; AND E) WORLD ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVES ARE
TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WITH THE ROLE THAT INTEGRATION AND
COOPERATION AMONG THE COUNTRIES CAN PLAY IN COMPENSATING
FOR THEIR CONSEQUENCES, AND IN MAKING BETTER PROGRESS
TOWARD THE FAVORABLE EFFECTS WHICH THEY CAN PROVIDE,

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"RECOMMEND TO THE GOVERNMENTS AND THE ORGANIZATIONS
OF INTEGRATION AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION, AND TO OTHERS
WHOSE FUNCTIONS ARE RELATED TO THESE MATTERS, THAT THEY LEND
THEIR FULLEST COLLABORATION TO THE ECLA SECRETARIAT FOR
THE WORK WHICH IS RECOMMENDED HERE AND WHOSE RESULTS WILL
BE PRESENTED AT THE LATIN AMERICAN MEETING ON ECONOMIC
INTEGRATION INDICATED ABOVE.
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